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Michael Riest: Key Note Speaker. Notes

Parents are waiting to be asked to the dance. They stand there in the wings and don't know what to do.

There are also common concerns with parents. One being the lack of recourse available to them and at times they feel helpless.

PIC was developed as a strategic initiative that the individual boards can use to communicate with the parents. This gives the parents a voice in education through the MOE.

When speaking to teachers don't ask what are you doing instead ask WHY are you doing this. This leads to accountability from the teachers to the parents.

SAC-- Ask your parents why they did not come back for a second meeting

SAC make the following priority discussions

1. budget
2. curriculum delivery and evaluation -- ask what are the rubrics and what are the achievement levels -- ask about what happens in the classroom.
3. Teacher Performance - Teachers are protected - Only administration can comment on teacher performance.
4. School Climate -- Student happiness. Students cant learn when they are stressed. Lets measure happiness
5. Bring parents to staff meeting to listen to what the staff have to say.
6. Staff Appreciation - Promote conversations. Set out a table of coffee and donuts.

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CSAC and PRO Grant notes

To understand why parents come or don't come to SAC meetings:

Begin by surveying the parents - send the survey out at your earliest meetings with the parents JK and 9 (see second attachment.)

This same survey can be used to realize the talent in your school.

raise the profile of the SAC team by wearing a vest to highlight who is the parents on the team.

Action Plan - Teachers communicate to students via facebook. when is the next practice etc.

Principles send letter to the parents: Asking: Do you want to give us your email address and can we share your email with the CSAC?

Catalogue your parents talents

When parents fill out surveys send them an email after thanking the parent.....ex...you indicated this we will be calling you to discuss and the meeting is at this date....

create parent contact lists. be sure to ask the parents occupation

remember to connect with Grand Parents. They can be a great ally, to support the school activities.

email request - note we are gathering information but it will not be shared..

CSAC should have an information package to give to parents of students during orientation for JK and grade 9. What you have done in the past. Opening letter welcome to St. Gregs School we are having our first council meeting on this date we would like you to attend.

Have a SAC meet and greet - paid by the SAC - have the KofC barbequing: principles welcome followed by CSAC welcome

Have a bring a friend to council - Each member to bring a friend

Have a new parents event: New comers event for JK parents and students.

SAC purchase: All indoor and outdoor recess toys - board games and balls for recess. then throughout the year SAC team would fill up each classrooms recess toys.

Send an end of the year report to all parents.

When you send out the survey tell the student if the survey is completed the teacher will give them no homework.

Have a year end survey after the Fundraiser. Fill it in before they leave the fundraiser.

Get parents to offer ideas on field trips

Get parents to offer free tutoring ex French

Every SAC should have a bulletin board to showcase what you do and a book case with parenting resources.

During the monthly student awards CSAC should give out student and teacher recognition awards.

It is key to have succession planning for the CSAC chair. Each school should have a maximum length of time as a CHAIR to ensure fresh blood.

PRO GRANT:

get kids to bring parents - use LEGO club as the draw for the students and the workshop for the parents. parents will come if the students want to come.

Coupon for no homework

consider webinar

movie night - teach the kids to run the system - parents at the workshop

provide babysitting services

kids concert

family engagement night - brain gym www.braingym.org -
math fair- give kids awards

Before choosing a PRO Grant topic check the needs of the parents. Ask them what do you want to see and when do you want to see it. use this in your surveys.

When doing your PRO Grant send emails or make phone calls to Police Services - Mental health and Community Services they are connected to the community and can pass your message on.